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and Consumer Services**  
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Director

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To All Interested Parties:

Re: Waiver of RVP Requirements in North Carolina

With the passing of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, fuel supplies to North Carolina and other Southeastern states have been severely impacted by the shutdown of refineries prior to these storms. Damage and/or power outages to refineries, the fuel pipelines and other infrastructure after the hurricanes have passed further contributed to this situation.

In an effort to increase the availability of gasoline in our state, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently granted a waiver on Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) to North Carolina that allows the sale of 11.5 psi RVP gasoline through the remainder of the "high ozone" control period ending at midnight, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

As an additional step, effective from 12:01 am on September 16<sup>th</sup> through midnight on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will waive the vapor pressure requirements as specified in Table 4 of ASTM D4814, Standards Specification for Automotive Spark Ignition Motor Fuel, and allow the sale of gasoline meeting class D-4 volatility specifications. This fuel will meet the gasoline volatility specifications per Table 4 from October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, gasoline with up to 10% ethanol will receive a 1 psi RVP tolerance per N.C. Administrative Code Title 2 Chapter 42, section .0201 (b) (1).

Sincerely,

Stephen Benjamin